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TUITION BATTLE EXPLODES

CUNY Students Rally At Albany

Fourteen BCC students journeyed to Albany along with several hundred other students from New York State on Monday, March 1, 1965, to lend moral support to the Democratic legislature for the No Tuition Mandate in the Abrams Bill.

The bill, which would again place a 114 year old law mandating free tuition on the books, was passed by the Legislature. But before the Legislature had time to vote, Governor Rockefeller announced his intention to veto the bill.

Students from New York State have been lobbying for this bill since 1961, when Governor Rockefeller's Omnibus bill was made law.

This year's delegation was led by our Student Council President, Barry Berger, who has been a leader in the No Tuition Movement since 1963.

The other students who were asked to represent the student body are: Merri Cherwin, Pam Cushing, Ray Finkel, Ira Grann, Shari Katz, Michael Kennedy, Willie Landau, Joseph Mazza, Steve Ornstein, Barbara Ouziel, Howie Scholick, Steve Simon, and Mel Winter.



Meister-Berger Vigil Comment

President Meister:

This question is of legitimate concern to the students and all New York citizens. They have the right to use all orderly methods of making their point of view known to other citizens and to the Governor. I note with great satisfaction, that the vigil idea came spontaneously from the students and the Student Council without any stimulus from the administration or the faculty at BCC.

When the students came to me to make known their intentions, the only injunction placed upon their activity was that they refrain from any act or conduct which would be a violation of the law, peace and tranquility of the community and of the good name of the college.

President Berger:

We have just completed a sixty hours study vigil outside the Governor's City office. Many students from our college participated in this demonstration in support of the Abrams Bill. Despite this protest, it appears likely that the Governor will continue with his plan to veto this legislation. Only a mass public reaction can get this legislaton approved in the near future.

To those of you who did not participate in the study vigil, I address the following remarks: each of us at BCC should appreciate the importance of a college education; each of us at BCC should know the importance of a tuition-free policy; each of us at BCC should realize the issues involved in the present controversy; and finally, each of us at BCC should resolve to do something about it.

Spontaneous Study-Vigil Against Governor's Veto



Photo above and lower left: Students outside N. Y. headquarters of Gov. Rockefeller.

by Mike Kennedy and Gerry Gianutsas

The free tuition issue was carried a step further on Tuesday, March 2, when more than one hundred City University students staged a fifty-eight hour "Study Vigil" outside Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller's New York City office.

The picketers were registering their disapproval of Rockefeller's expected veto of the Free Tuition Mandate in the Abrahms Bill. The bill, if signed, will make free tuition in the City University a law.

While in Albany, to lobby for legislative approval, students heard of Rockefeller's statement concerning his intended veto. Student leaders decided that a demonstration was needed to publicize the issue. A quick plan was formed on the bus during the return trip from Albany. The idea of a "study vigil" was generally agreed upon, and an organization was established. On the following morning the plans became reality.

BCC Student Government President, Barry Berger, feeling that the principle of no tuition was more important than his personal interests, was a leader in forming the demonstration on Tuesday morning. He finally went home at 3:30 A.M. Wednesday.

The all night vigil continued through Wednesday evening. The students then found out that the Governor had scheduled a meeting concerning the tuition issue with Gustave G. Rosenberg for Thursday morning, March 4, at 11:00 A.M.

Early Thursday morning, student leaders from all CUNY campuses could be found rallying students in an attempt to get them down to 55th Street for a mass demonstration. There were nearly 400 students demonstrating by 11:00 A.M. The line became so long at one point that the group had to be broken up. Half of the students went up to the Governor's New York City residence at 810 Fifth Ave. to make the demonstration more prolific and to cooperate somewhat with the rather worried city police.

Rockefeller, upon hearing of the demonstration, sent one of his aides to talk to Rosenberg. While Rosenberg was at the Governor's head-quarters, student leaders demanded an appointment. After a half hour's deliberation, they were granted permission to enter the building to talk to Governor Rockefeller's secretary. They presented the students views and received, in turn, several solutions of which the Governor would approve.

Unfortunately, student leaders believe that solutions outlined by the State's leading Republican would take at least three years to fulfill, and also probably would end all state aid to New York City for Educational Programs. It was also discovered that Governor Rockefeller would not see the bill until after the weekend.

Rather than have the students picket all weekend and waste valuable study time, it was decided to end the "Study Vigil" in its 58th hour and to stage a mass rally in front of the Hilton Hotel Saturday evening, March 6. While Governor Rockefeller is in town.

Many students who were demonstrating cannot possibly be affected by the no tuition issue; they will be graduated this June. They are not picketing because of personal needs, but for a general principle in which they believe. One of these students stated: "It is inconsistent with American ideals to have to prove that you are poor in order to receive an incentive award." Other picketers had echoed similar sentiments: "It seems ridiculous

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Our regular editorial column does not carry a comment on the student vigil for free tuition. We believe that free tuition must be maintained at CUNY in order to serve the greatest number of students. Although we do not feel that cutting classes is the "best" way to express ourselves, the drive for free tuition is completely commensurate with our ideals.

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The Missing

Five B.C.C. students took part in a city wide demonstration in front of Armed Forces Recruiting Centers on the same day that our editorial, decrying student civic apathy, went to press.

A week later, fifty students participated in a vigil in front of Governor Rockefeller's office in New York, for the purpose of letting their views be known about the free tuition issue.

We are proud to say that in the case of **these** students, our editorial was wrong. Fifty-five students have shown their willingness to take a stand. That leaves only a mere 5945.

The Wasteland

One of the "honorary members" of the Communicator staff is Professor Lawrence of the Electrical-Mechanical Technology Department, who shows up in the publications office about once every ten days with information about IEEE, of which she is the Faculty Advisor.

Prof. Lawrence is not atypical; our office seems to be a central spot for Faculty Advisors to gather. Not once, unfortunately, has one club president or secretary dropped into our office with information.

As students, we are proud of the time and effort which Prof. Lawrence and her colleagues devote to us. Unfortunately, we cannot say the same about club officers, one of whose implicit functions is to eliminate the necessity for an F.A. to perform such tasks. That student club officers have shirked their responsibilities is obvious; the temptation to consider club officers incompetent is practically overwhelming.

Cooperation

Sparked by an editorial in Newsletter, Faculty and Student Cultural Committees have passed through a period of lack of communication into a time of unprecedented intercooperation.

The need to eliminate as much beauracracy as possible in a rapidly growing college such as BCC daily becomes more and more evident. Perhaps one method might be the elimination of many of these parallel committees and the establishment of joint committees.

The only complaint we can see, which would arise from the faculty, might be that it is undignified for the faculty to work so closely with the student body. We doubt that such is the case; this fast growing college cannot allow itself to atrophy in the name of an outmoded caste system.

College Clippings

by Larry Pittinger

Ken, the students' newspaper of Brooklyn College, quotes Harry D. Gideonse, Brooklyn College President, on student dress regulations: "It would be better if the students of the college would view the problem of dress regulations as their own. Self policing is always better than imposed discipline. Voluntary assumption of responsibility is always better than neutrality or even resentment."

The Onandaga Community College (Syracuse) student soap box, Blue Banner, asks whether the Civil Rights Bill is either civil or right: "In granting the Negroes the rights which they have been denied and have so long deserved, the Bill now denies the whites the rights which have been taken for granted, and which are so much a part of their lives. For example, if a white family wanted to rent an apartment and the landlord felt that, for personal reasons, they might be undesireable, he could turn them down. However, if a Negro family, no matter how objectionable, wanted to rent an apartment, he could not refuse. This is not right."

A CCNY publication, the Observation Post, calls on the public spirited college student: "What is needed is continued pressure on New York State and National Legislators—not only to keep their campaign promises about supporting free tuition, but to demand that they propose and champion programs, such as federal aid to education, which will help to upgrade the quality of our education and serve expanding student body."

The Commentator, student voice of Sullivan County Community College, talks of the wide range of students attending Community Colleges: "One of the characteristics of a Community College is that its student body embraces a wide area of abilities, interests, and beliefs stemming from the diversity of their ethnic, religious, and family backgrounds. Many of you have high school records that make you eminently acceptable to a great number of other institutions of higher learning. Others of you have been faced with difficulties in obtaining admission to schools of your choice. In brief, the Community College student exhibits a range of scholastic ability from average to superior."

The college newspaper of the State University of New York at New Paltz, The Oracle, concerns itself with limitations of freedom of speech on campus: "On the grounds that our minds will be subverted by hearing a subversive, limitations are placed on whom we may hear. As college students, we should be allowed the right to hear anyone at any time regardless of his beliefs. This regulation is unfair and should be abolished. As long as it can be waived in some cases and enforced in others, true freedom of speech does not exist on this campus."

Voice of Xanadu:

ON CRIME

by Lawrence H. Berlow

About two years ago, a television show presented a tale about violence upon the New York Subway System. Its theme was that much crime could be prevented if riders weren't afraid to fight subway marauders, rather than literally turning away. My immediate reaction to this show was to dispatch an angry letter to the network which stated that he whole thing just wasn't true. Soon after, I discovered that it was.

In recent years, tales of street and subway violence in New York, coupled with unbelievable statements of public apathy, are to be found in the papers more and more every day. The apthy, unfortunately, is not just limited to "the average person." Experts on crime don't seem to be able to see past the immediate prevention of crime into the root causes.

A recent New York Times article outlined the steps that the federal government is taking in the war against crime: grants to provide better training for law officials, and experimental methods of alarm and warning. An attempt to treat the basic cause of crime is, as libraries so often put it: "conspicuous by its absence."

Certainly, the citizen body cannot expect local, state, and federal police forces to handle the problem by itself. Yet, although it would do no more than take care of present need, few if any agencies have addressed themselves to the question of giving the public enough confidence in itself to fight back, when it needs to.

Slum clearance programs, morale building agencies such as Moral Re-Armament, Rent Strike Organizations, the Boy Scouts, and the Police Athletic League, are unable to strike at the root of the problem, because the situation is caused not always by environment but by sociological and psychological need, which must be handled by competent professionals.

A classroom discussion of dope addiction almost invariably ends up impressing upon the student the wrongs of narcotics. There is little, if any, attention given to the student who takes a long range view of the situation; how to solve the problem of addiction, not control or stamp it out. This short-range attitude is not only in the classroom; it is typical of our society.

Summerhill, an experimental school for English children, doesn't deny the fact that it can only concentrate upon the child; the parent is considered beyond help with regard to freedom and happiness.

One hears, from time to time, of teachers' organizations, Social Workers' groups, and other professional organizations calling for higher pay and more public interest to fight the problems of crime where they begin. Their voices soon die out, quenched by the lack of response from an apathetic public.

There is much to be said for looking at the present: it is realistic, and might yield tentative solutions. But, the time has arrived when we must look to the future not as a continuation of he present, but as a chance to remedy what we have done in the past.

The River Alph

The Communicator is proud to present to its readers a new regular feature. The River Alph will be written by a different editor each issue.

The student demonstration for the free tuition mandate brings to mind the ever present dilema of the "modérate Republicans," and their failure to win the support of today's young voters. This was evident in the 1963 Republican National Convention when, for the first time since 1928, they nominated a conservative candidate.

The young people of today are not interested in today's type of security and all of its suburban connotations. They are not interested in working for a big organization. Money is not their prime concern.

There seems to be a trend among most collegians and recent college graduates toward either the far right or the liberal left, leaving the middle empty. Many active members of the right wing can be seen on campus advocating their principles, while liberal students can be seen taking part in demonstrations or sit-ins, and working with minority groups.

Mankind is their worry, because its needed improvement offers them many challenges. Their energy is being channeled into groups such as the Peace Corps, VISTA, the War on Poverty, and the John Birch Society, and into movements such as Civil Rights and Moral Re-Armament.

The moderate Republicans have not been supplying answers to the problems of today; therefore, youth is going elsewhere for direction. This is the dilemma in which Governor Rockefeller finds himself. Even though he has disassociated himself from the right wing, he has not become liberal enough to encompass the views of the young liberals.

During the no tuition campaign, Rockefeller failed to grasp the principle of free Higher Education. His plan, though extremely comprehensive and articulate, unfortunately, had many inadequacies because of it's complexity. The money he is attempting to save is insignificant in comparison with New York State's billion dollar budget and three hundred million dollar educational program.

He proclaims his support for the betterment of the minority groups, but fails to realize how much this stand is hurting their advancement. merely one of many examples of typical moderate Republican ineptitude. He is attempting to solve a state problem with a national concept.

Forum 7

Behavior

What is the right college standard of behavior? I realize that there is much controversy as to what constitutes proper college behavior, but I would think that there are minimum standards that most students would agree on.

We are privileged to have a Student Council that believes in keeping the students in touch with the everyday affairs at BCC. For example, we are kept informed of the decisions of the Student Council, their affiliated clubs and houseplans, by means of a public address system that is located in the lounge and cafeteria. We all know that BCC is a converted high school and is not equipped to handle modern methods for relaying information. In short, the quality of our P.A. system is certainly far from the best. This, coupled with the poor acoustics, results in ear-splitting noise that may get on the students' nerves. Several students have complained but no action was taken.

Be that as it may, the students reacted in a very immature and childish way. While messages were being given over the P.A. system,

these students screamed out a choice four letter word in the presence of several hundred students in the cafeteria. There was stunned silence for a moment-and that was all. No action was taken, either by the faculty or students. No move was made to report this behavior to the Dean of Students. It seems highly improbable that there was no one present who could assume the authority to report this incident to the Dean of Students. This example of the appalling behavior exhibited by the students, even though they are a minority, should be of great concern to all those interested in the appearance that our college makes.

Does this represent a new flandard of college behavior that seems to be taking root at BCC? I am sure that the feelings of the majority of students and faculty at BCC are not willing to accept such standards. Unfortunately, an attitude of indifference to such behavior seems to be permeating Bronx Community College.

Name witheld upon request

Culture

There has been talk among the students of this college to the effect that the cultural and social events are not up to the wants and desires of the students. Right now the Student Government is waiting for your letters telling us what you really want. If you want dances at the college every other weekend and hoots, jazz festivals, singers, orchestras, commedians or any other cultural or social event you can name, tell us, and we'll try to get them. There's no obligation to join, alt hough we'd love to give you the permanent, strong voice of a committee member if you want to be a part of the college spirit. The main point is that we can't get what you want done, in any area, unless we know what you want. The only way we can know is

through your letters, to a specific committee or to the council, dropped in the Intra-College mail. Or, come up to the office (5-22) anytime to talk to us. WE DON'T BITE, WE JUST FIGHT (for you).

Write!! Your vote counts, more than you ever thought it could! It's YOUR college! Get what YOU want! Join in the student activities we have now. Check the activities calendar. Come to the events. Join the Council and try to help get more events that you want. Don't let the other guy talk for you. You may find out too late that he doesn't know what you're talking about. Who knows better than you what you want? If you have something to say, say it now or forever hold your peace.

/s/ Neil Lichtman

Unfortunately, in last term's issue, the letter from Prof. May could not be printed in full because of the lack of space. At his request, his entire letter is printed below.

Indubitably, there is a good deal of substance and truth to the complaint of "An Irate Student" who commented in the last edition of the Communicator that he was more than irked by the fact that choice seats for the various extra-curricular functions sponsored by the college are reserved for faculty and for V.I.P.'s of the Student Council. However, I feel constrained to note that in the allocation of tickets for the Bikel-Collins Concert, the Student Council apportioned the least desirable seats in the house for the faculty. Although I do not advocate preferential treatment for the faculty, I

cannot accept the premise that they should be relegated to the rear of the orchestra.

I should also like to recommend a sharp curtailment of the issuance of complimentary tickets. At a recent function, ten per cent of the tickets distributed were complimentary.

As it pertains to the matter of seating arrangements, I should be pleased to meet with Dean Thompson and officers of the Student Council in an attempt to determine the equable solution to this problem.

/s/ Martin K. May, Chairman Committee on Faculty Welfare

Mistake?

Your editorial on lack of leadership was not entirely correct in that there are a few, too few however, who are willing to give voice to their beliefs and protest in the form of peaceful demonstration for what they hold to be reality and truth.

A few days before your last issue came out, five of these students were out protesting against the War in Vietnam. It is true that war is deplorable, yet most people do nothing to protest against the United States' participation.

Even more recently, and of more importance to us as students, were

the series of demonstrations against Governor Rockefeller's decision to make the students pay for their education. While there was a sizable proportion of BCC students at these demonstrations, there should have been many more. Each student who doesn't want to pay tuition and believes in Free Higher Education should have been outside the Governor's office.

I hope that the students of our school will become aware of their opportunities to fight for their beliefs and take action to see what they believe in become reality.

/s/ Evan N. Reilly

Inadequacies

As a senior at Bronx Community College, I feel that it is about time we, the students, were made aware of some of the inadequacies of our college bookstore. I'm sure I speak for all the students when I say I vehemently object to the prices charged by the Campus Book Store.

A perfect example is that, after buying our books at outlandish publishers' prices, and then selling these same books back to the store at half price or less, the bookstore turns around and sells them as used for the prices we should have received when we sold them to them. As students of Bronx Community College, we should not have to leave our own campus to buy books at faid and resonable prices. A bookstore should be run for the convenience of the students and not on a strictly profit motive. The only way to help this situation is by forming an organized body of students which will set up a Student Book Exchange. This Student Book Exchange will be set up for the sole purpose of giving the BCC students a fair price for his used books and, of course, it will be run on a strictly non-profit basis.

I sincerely believe it is necessary and unequivocably our duty to commit ourselves on an issue as precedent as this one. We are the leaders of the leaders of the future, and if we cannot honestly and directly speak out, whether in favor of, or against, major issues affecting our lives in society, then we will perish.

Now is the time to take an active role in the establishment of a Student Book Exchange. Help promote the Student Book Exchange, which has been needed and necessary for a long time and which has been unfortunately neglected until

Additional information can be obtained in Room 5-22 or in the cafeteria. If possible, contact me.

/s/ Barbara Eisenberg Chairman, Student Book Exchange Comm.

CLIO AT U.N.

The 38th National Model General Assembly, a conference composed of more than 870 Students and Faculty Advisors from 110 American Colleges and Universities, was attended by a delegation from Clio, the BCC Social Science Club, who represented the delegation of the Ivory Coast. Under the direction of Mr. Norman Bindler, Faculty Advisor, Clio participated actively from Thursday, March 4 to Sunday, March 7.

The purpose of the NMGA, as outlined by Harvard, is to, "... provide an opportunity for college students to learn both about the United Nations and about the problems of the nations of the world. In a sense (the colleges will be) playing 'peace games' just as generals play 'war games'." Each participating school, whose country is chosen by Harvard, must study the country assigned to it so that it can act the way its country would on resolutions before them. On beginning his research, Harvey Poris, President of Clio, remarked, "The country that the school represents is not really the important thing but, rather the knowledge gained by the experience. For ex-

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battles out of 5-22. Can't Berger and Minsky keep their differences out of OUR Student Government?

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Agora At Albany

The letters printed below are examples of letters which have been sent to Governor Rockefeller, dealing with the No Tuition battle. Although originally sent to NEWSLETTER, they have been pased on to the Communicator-Ed.

Sir:

Don't shut the doors to a free education. Don't take away from us the opportunity to better ourselves and the country. An education is, at all times, vital to young men and women. If you deny this to us, you are denying us just what the American system represents.

There are many students who are not financially able to pay tuition. If you veto free tuition for them, you will be ending their chances for a new and better life. An education is meant for all, but how many of us can afford to pay for one?

Free education will keep our America free and progressive. Don't deny your students this. Don't deny your country this.

/s/ Leslie S. Cohen

Dear Sir:

Bronx Community College represents the voice and spirit of the entire student body of the State University of New York. We feel that your inaugurate tuition in the University is not only unfair to the future educators of the State of New York and of mankind but also against the will of the people you represent. In effect, you will be responsible for the thwarting of minds if you veto our chance to attain a higher level of learning. Many young students who eagerly want to improve themselves will be denied, because of financial reasons. In the past, the financial barrier has not stood in the way of students interested in learning, but now with your instituting tuition in the City University you will be standing in the way of many aspiring students.

> Rona Silverman Member of the Student Council

LOOPHOLE

Like all new student government constitutions, BCC's is one with many loopholes in it. One of these, Article VII, Section 1, grants the right to place members on committee to both the President of the Student Council, and the Chairman of a Committee in an attempt to maintain or remove a man from office, in the event of friction between the President and the Chairman.

Steve Minsky was appointed to

the Chairmanship of the Constitutional Committee by Barry Berger at the end of last term. After this term's election, Barry Berger set up procedures through the Student Council to impeach Minsky on the grounds that he did not set up the committee which goes along with the duties of the Chairmanship. Minsky was the only member; Berger said that Minsky was not doing anything, which evidently he was not, since Minsky could not run the Constitutional Committee without any members. Minsky found, in the Constitution, a loophole which would keep him in office. It said that if the committee elected its own Chairman, neither Berger nor the Student Council could remove him, on the grounds of not setting up the committee. Minsky found ten friends, whom he appointed to the Committee to elect him. Meanwhile, Berger had heard of Minsky's plan and allegedly planned to do some padding of his own. Reportedly, he appointed twelve of his friends to the committee. At the next Executive Board meeting a vote was taken, and Minsky lost by a vote of ten to nine.

The padding of the committee is legal as far as the Constitution is concerned. The Constitution says that a member of Student Council Committee can keep an office or lose it by padding his Committee with friends. The President can pad a committee to have a Chairman defeated, even on the grounds of private or personal differences.

Let's keep our petty private

Such actions are permitted only through a gapping loophole in the Student Government Constitution.

PTK Dinner Seminar

Specialists in the fields of Sociology, Education, Religion, and Psychology will discuss, "changing values: Fact or Fiction?" at PHI THETA KAPPA's initiation Dinner-Seminar on March 19, 1965.

PTK is the National Junior College Honor Society. The guests for the evening's discussion will be Professor Duroshkin of the BCC Department of Social Studies and Humanities, Dr. Abraham Tauber, BCC Dean of Faculty, Rev. William Kalaidjian, of the Bedford Park Congregational Church, and Dr. Paul B. Bachrach, Asst. Dean of Student Personnel of CCNY.

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Names of those submitting to Forum 7 will be withheld upon request.

Nurses Receive Night Cap; Honors List Convocation

More than nine hundred students, parents, and faculty members attended the annual Nurses' Capping Ceremony and Honors Convocation held in the BCC auditorium on Friday evening, February 26, 1965, at 8:30 P.M.

The impressive Capping Ceremony began with a Processional of the one hundred and sixty-nine nurses. The nurses, dressed in their blue-grey uniforms, were greeted by bursts of applause as they entered the auditorium and took their places.

Professor Gerald J. Griffin, Chairman of the Nursing Department, addressed the student nurses on the significance of the caps. He declared that "the caps represent an incentive for the student to earn the degree," and that ". . . they are a symbol of the trust in nurses as someone of whom BCC can always be proud."

Following Prof. Griffin's remarks, each nurse was called to the stage and given her cap and a candle. These signify successful completion of the first term in the Nursing Curriculum. Participating in the Capping were: Mrs. Anne P. Gotta, Professor Alice M. Ehrhart, Mrs. Ann Jackson, Mrs. Roberta Mankin, Mrs. Elinore Hardis, Mrs. Barbara Faas, and Mrs. Jaqueline Gardinier, and all of the Nursing Department Prof. Griffin then administered the "Florence Nightingale Pledge." The Pledge concludes: "With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care." At this time the auditorium was illuminated by the light of one hundred

Following the Capping Ceremony, representatives of the Lucy Stone League, Mrs. Rose Goldman and Mrs. Marjorie May, were introduced. Mrs. Goldman explained that the purpose of the Lucy Stone League was to give financial aid to women pursuing such careers as Law, Medicine, and Research at the graduate and undergraduate level. Mrs. Goldman and Mrs. May then presented President Meister with a check that will enable fifteen worthy nursing students to complete their studies. The money is made available through the Helen Sugar Nursing Scholarship

Dr. Marvin Salzberg, pianist, and Mr. Louis F. Simon, violinist, provided a musical interlude. They played, "Un Bateau" (A Boat) by Claude Debussy and, "Two Rumanian Folk Dances" by Bela Bartok.

The keynote address, "The Price of Excellence," was delivered by Dr. Morris Meister. President of the College. President Meister stressed the fact that, "The achievement of excellence may require effort, energy, and monotony, but the real price you pay is the fun in achieving excellence." He added, "As we honor the students gathered here we honor ourselves. Excellence is worth striving for . . . because the goals are heavenly."



Dr. Vera F. Minkin, Assistant Dean of Students, presented the members of Phi Theta Kappa, the National Junior College Honor Society. Members of Phi Theta Kappa must attain an 85% average in all their college work. Dr. Minkin introduced Gertrude Savadge, President of BCC's Lamda Nu Chapter of PTK. Gertrude Savadge, who was made President because of her outstanding work, has an index of 3.89. Miss Doris Barnie, who is Vice-President of the Lamda Nu Chapter, and is a Nursing Student, has an index of 4.00.

The Dean's List of more than 300 students was presented by Dr. Abraham Tauber, Dean of Faculty. Students having an Index of 3.00 or higher after completing fifteen credits are put on the Semester Dean's List. Students who maintain their 3.00 index after completing 20 or more credits achieve the Cumulative Dean's List. Dean Tauber declared, "Excellence has its own rewards . . . we honor those who have extended themselves to achieve excellence."

Dr. Tauber related how he, that evening, met an alumna of the first graduating class of the college. On inquiring about her presence, Dr. Tauber was surprised to hear Miss Ellen Forman's reply. It seems that she came back because her mother, Mrs. Mamie Forman, had made the

The "One College Concept" at BCC was stressed by Dr. Sidney Silverman, Dean of Administration. He told the audience that, "A student can, if he wishes, take an 8:00 A.M. class at the Nursing Center and then, get over to the main building for his 10:00 P.M. class.

Dr. Clement M. Thompson, Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities, declared that, "Change is our business; learning is our business." He concluded by wishing "Godspeed" to the gathering of Honor Students and Nurses.

Miss Enid Kraft, a student in the Retailing Curriculum, received the Alexander's Retailing Award. The award was presented by Mr. Gerald Braun of Alexander's Department Store. Miss Kraft will receive a \$25.00 Savings Bond for her high outstanding scholastic achievement.

To conclude the proceedings, Deans Tauber and Thompson led the audience in the singing of, "Gold and Green," the College Alma Mater.

At the completion of the ceremonies, the audience retired to the Fifth Floor Cafeteria where a reception was held for the participants and their families.

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Who in this college has the courage to plug up this hole in the Constitution, before the supposed Berger-Minsky incident becomes commonplace? What may have occurred in the past was Constitutionally permissible, but was it morally or ethically right?

BCC is a dynamic growing college with a desperately static constitution. Will you, the reader, accept the continual abuse of your Constitution, or will you, finally, demand constitutional reform?

/s/ Robert A. Thordsen

Larks Far Cry From Birdland

by Philip Perry

On March 4, five rather pensive gentlemen, The Lark Quintet, entered our college auditorium to give a special performance for BCC students. In the beginning, at least, the area had about it that certain air of refined earnestness usually associated with a receptive audience. The Quintet consisted of: John Wion, Bert Lucarelli, Arthur Bloom, Alan Brown, and William Brown.

With scene set, the distinguished musicians began with the first selection, "Allegro," by Franz Danzi, which perhaps best exemplified their abilities as artists, for the chosen piece had about it that certain complacent tonal arrangement, which could please the most uninformed, and it probably did. The second selection, "Quintet," by Gunther Schuller was the least appreciated, as it seemed to lack purpose and even a distinguishable beat, in spite of the fact that one of the musicians attempted to explain its arrangement, but this seemed to only compound the difficulty. The third selection, by Paul Taffenel, entitled "Quintette," although played quite well, had one perceptible weakness in that the selection was not geared for the minds of BCC students, and it therefore seemed to lack the lyrical flow, which woodwind instruments usually evoke.

This is, of course, not to be a reflection upon the gentlemen who performed, as one cannot cast any vitriolic insults at them, for their performance could only be extolled. It is, however, quite in order to take a dim view of the demeanor of the "adult" audience. as their decorum leaves much to be desired. Because a group of young ignorants, who obviously

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Gym Shorts

by Byrne Blumenstein

Last year BCC had a Basketball Club. Hopes at the time were for the club to go Inter-Collegiate. Two tentative coaches joined the group from our faculty.

Things began to look up this year as a committee began circulating a petition among the student body and attempted to obtain a place to

This year we find that we have enough qualified students to form another club, if not a team; since there is more time open between the use of the gym by classes, hopes are for the use of BCC's own gym. Yet, BCC has no true team this year. The reason is one which many students have failed to realize. We simply have no faculty advisors to coach more teams! Professor Steuerman has the Wrestling Team for a heavy season and Mr. Wong has both the Bowling and Swimming Teams.

BCC has an enrollment of over 6000 students, though we have only THREE full-time instructors for the men taking GH courses, aided by a group of part-time instructors. Day students are forced to take night classes because the day sections are incapable of fulfilling the demand. Many times the gym is not in use although there may be sufficient enrollment to fill these day sections. The Health Ed. Department staff is simply not equipped to handle the expansion. When a school enrollment doubles, mandatory courses should be provided with a somewhat increased staff of instructors to face the need. For some reason or other it appears that Health Ed. has been overlooked in BCC's growth. One should realize that many departments have been forced to increase their staff by as much as 500%.

The effect has been: unused gyms, closed day sections, over-crowded intramural hours, and somewhat harried health ed. instructors. The end result was a general feeling of student apathy. This has hurt the school in creating a lack of attendance at our team's meets and matches, small turnouts for team tryouts, and, of course, the lack of coaches for the

Dean McGrath has done everything in his power to relieve our problems. In coordination with the department full-time instructors, Professor Steuerman, Mr. Wong, and Mrs. Altman, Dean McGrath has expanded the intramural program to proportions unequalled in the school's history.

The answer is up to the school administration. The department cannot adequately handle either more of the teams we have requested or the student pleas for more classes at earlier hours.

In a college which is growing as fast as BCC, such situations which we have described are to be expected. Their solution is also expected.

knew nothing about concert etiquette, voiced their approval at every time but the right time, to form, as it were, a syncopation of applause, could have at least had the courtesy to give their attention to the admission free musicale.

One hopes that in the future when a performance is afforded the college students of BCC, they will look for more than surface meaning in their explorations of any of the classics so that they might receive some of the culture of our Western civilization, and not the cultural pretensions given them by most hootenanny groups.



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Mitchell Trio Sings To BCC Student Audience

Late in February, BCC has played host to one of America's most famous folk groups, the Mitchell Trio.

The night became a running—singing social commentary. It began with "Power and Glory" by Tom Paxton and following up with "What Did You Learn in School Today?", a vivid picture of life as they see it. The show then continued with a rather solemn version of "Johnny Comes Marching Home Again." They then performed in their more rousing form with "James, James, Morrison, Morrison," plus a spoof on "Twelve Days of Christmas." The tune was the same, but the words formed an unusual satire on Nazi Germany, complete with accents, salutes, and some of the wildest expressions seen on the faces of three singers in a long time. The hit of the evening proved to be the "John Birch Society," a razzing bit on the controvercial league.

As a group of folk singers, minus the usual instruments, they were spotlighted by their talent for harmony and taste. The explosions of applause and laughter were well-earned in a superb performance.

The group has become synonomous with such hits as "Lizzie Borden," "Rum By Gum," "Super-Skier," "Ides of Texas" (a satire on Billy Sol Estes), and "The John Birch Society."

A great many people at the concert were disappointed because the trio couldn't get to most of these great pieces.

In an exclusive interview with the trio, the most startling fact discovered was their extreme awareness of the world around them. To illustrate, take Joe Frazier's comments on the subject of folk song variations. He described such distortions as the Tokens' "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" as "Terrible!" The original song was entitled "Wimoweh." In regard to solid folk singers such as Trini Lopez they showed less objections on the whole. One song they singled out as enjoyable was "The House of the Rising Sun" by the British group, The Animals. This brought them to the topic of the British vocal invasion. We asked the group about their opinion of the Beatles. Joe Frazier's reply was, "Yes, I do like the Beatle sound. They do have talent, no matter how they are criticized!" The most "disgusting excuse" for music was the song done last year by the Trashmen. Mike Kobluk considered them exactly that: "Trashmen singing trash!"

The boys were somewhat disturbed by late-comers during the first half of the show. They annoyed Chad Mitchell considerably, as did the lack of response from the front few rows. Joe Frazier and Mike Kobluk agreed that during the first half, the audience just wasn't getting the political songs. It seemed to Joe (who proudly states he comes from and lives in New York) that it was unusual for a New York crowd.

The day before elections in November they performed at the Johnson rally, in Texas, for the President. A major reason for the Mitchell Trio's support was not mainly their support "of Johnson, but, rather, disapproval of Barry Goldwater."

We asked the boys their opinion on free tuition in the New York City colleges. Joe's opinion was "I'm definitely in favor of it, but would like to see it spread." Asked how this could come about, they replied, "One way may prove to be Civil Disobedience en masse; PROTEST!" They were in an Air Raid protest one year where there were five hundred protesters to little avail. The next year there were six thousand people in the protest—then they got action. As to paying for tuition, the suggestion was the aid of the federal government. The demand for free tuition is similar to the Medicare Program. Enough people wanted federal aid, as well as state aid, and eventually the aid was granted.

Before leaving, we spoke with Chad Mitchell on college reaction to some of their songs. We noted that many college radio stations refused to play the song "The John Birch Society" on their programs since the election campaign. He answered that he knew of this reaction, but it was more on a national level. This has been the case since the record was released two years ago. "It isn't that they're censoring it outright. It's more passé than true censorship."

In the past few years BCC has presented such top-flight folk names as Miriam Makeba, Leon Bibb, Theodore Bikel, and Judy Collins. The performance of the Mitchell Trio on February 20th was an excellent continuance of a fine tradition. Many students expressed their satisfaction in a choice well made by both the faculty and the Student Council.



This month's "award of the Cool" was supposed to have gone to one of the new members of our staff. Unfortunately, our three new reporters never returned from the

Chad Mitchell interview. The award in the next issue will be given to a member of the administration.

CUNY Veto Protest Vigil

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the Communicator

and contrary to the will of the people that Rockefeller's policy stands in the way of many students earnestly striving for a college education."

While picketing, many students wrote letters to Governor Rockefeller in protest of his intended veto and asked passers-by to sign them. The postage for these letters came from nickels and dimes out of the student's pockets. The students also appealed to the general public to write Governor Rockefeller in protest of the veto.

Many students from BCC played an important role in the demonstrations. There are a few names that come to mind. Angel Padre stayed all night Tuesday and Wednesday. Bob Thordsen arrived Wednesday night at 12:00 and spent the entire night calling up various news media to inform them of the demonstration.

"We have proven that we are willing to fight for what we believe. We have not yet won, but the battle is far from lost."

BCC Nursing Center Dedication Scheduled

The official dedication of the BCC Nursing School and Residence, on March 24, culminates six years of planning. It is the beginning of a curriculum which has built the BCC Nursing Education Program into one of the finest in the United States.

Bronx Community College is exceptionally proud of the fact that the program is jointly administered by both the college and the New York Department of Hospitals. An official representative of BCC indicated recently that, "It must always be remembered that the Nursing Program is a joint venture. The New York Department of Hospitals is working with us in achieving one of the primary goals of BCC; serving not only the student body, but the community at large."

Dr. Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the BHE, and Dr. Ray E. Trussel, Commissioner of Hispitals will officiate. Morris Meister, BCC President, will be the official host-chairman. Robert F. Wagner, Mayor of the Cty of New York, will deliver the principal address. Other guests will include Dr. Eva Vandow, Medical Administrator of the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Dr. William Metcalf, Honorable Joseph F. Periconi, President of the Borough of The Bronx, and Dr. Albert H. Bowker, Chancellor of CUNY.

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Mid-States Annual Report Demonstrates Advancement

Bronx Community College recently issued its Progress Report for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, organization which has recently granted BCC accreditation.

The report included the actions which have been taken with regard to suggestions made by Middle States in the past, a summary of the new building program, a discussion of the new Nursing program, and detailed progress reports from each of BCC's departments.

Morris Meister, BCC President, states in his letter of transmittal: "Our college is integrated into one organic whole. Matriculated and non-matriculated students attend classes at times most convenient for them, through many hours of the day and evening, and are taught and counseled by competent faculty at all these times, utilizing the physical plant to the limit. We are now planning to develop additional facilties and space to add to the convenience and comfort of the faculty, staff, and students, and to relieve crowded conditions."

The President and Dean of Faculty met with the individual departments of the college in helping to prepare the report, thus continuing the BCC tradition of faculty self-appraisal.

The report deals in detail with the plans the new air space campus,

The report also states that almost all college activities have expanded. An example of this expansion is the library, where an average of 70 students are to be found studying; and the capacity of the library is 90 students. The number of books circulated during 1963-64 was

16,409, 115% over what the circulation was in the academic year before.

This report gives the recipients a picture of an extremely successful community college which is expanding rapidly in all aspects to meet the challenge of higher education.

Brotherhood Discussion

BCC feted Brotherhood Week and psychology can work together; recently by a discussion on "What there is a need for both. Father Role, if any, does Psychology Play in Religion?" in which three distinguished neighborhood clergymen were present.

After Father McNamara, Reverend Kalaidjian, and Rabbi Saville had presented their views on the topic, a panel discussion followed. Tom Lee, president of the Newman Club, acted as moderator for the panel composed of three students.

The participants agreed that, as Rabbi Saville had stated, religion

psychology is especially useful in group behavior. The panel of students consisted of Margaret Kennedy, Louis Lagala and Patrick Turner. The questions and answers all tended to make the audience more aware of the purpose of the discussion-Brother-

McNamara demonstrated how psy-

chology and sociology can come to

the aid of theology and can become

useful. The sheltering atmosphere

of religion confirms prejudice:

Reverend Kaladjian showed that

The Echoes **Are Coming**

The feature attraction of the Carnival Dance, set for March 26th, will be four very talented men known as the "Echoes." Among the surprises planned for the evening is the formal premiere of a piece called "La Bola." The cut will be released by United Artists sometime in April.

This group is best known for its past success with a song "Baby Blue." Their more notable performances have been on the Clay Cole Show, Hootenanny, and at the Brooklyn Fox Theater, with such "big names" as Fabian, The Four Seasons, and The Platters. They may also soon be seen on the new ABC show Nightlife and the johnny Carson Show.

The trademark of the group is the little thing which you are finding on the bags in the book store. the "Nebbish."

At the request of autograph seekers and aspiring artists, an attempt will be made to have the group spend some of their breaks with the crowd.

The group's selections run the gambit from jazz to pop to folk. with a good deal of mixing of the three. The climax of the evening is expected to be a twenty minute medley, and a warp-up of the performance with an unusual version of "When The Saints Go Marching In." The Echoes also plan a piece called "Annabelle Lee," based on the poem of the same name by Edgar Allen Poe (you remember the first Bronx boy-made good). On the straight side will be "La Bomba," "Shout," "Sunshine," and "Twist n' Shout."

Dancing, humor, premieres, excitement; you'll have it at the Carnival Dance on March 26th with The ECHOES.

> Neil Tabot Byrne Blumenstein

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BCC vs HUNTER

The Hunter College Women's Volleyball Team will meet BCC's Netters on Friday, March 26th. The time for the event, first in a proposed series, will be 5:15, in the college gym.

To date, BCC's gym has been the scene of a high school volleyball championship tournament. The playoff was taken by Monroe High School, which may play Junior High School 80 at BCC, if proposed plans materialize. This event, if held, will precede the BCC-Hunter game. Further announcements will follow.

Students interested in seeing BCC's netters in top-notch competition, can drop in on the meet.

In the area of Inter-Club volleyball play-offs the response has been, "atrocious," to put it mildly. Maybe this game will show if the students are still apathetic.

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Special Sports Editorial This term Bronx Community College has offered an en-

larged program of inter-collegiate bowling, wrestling, and swimming teams, and has set aside two hours a week for intramurals and inter-club games.

But, how many readers can claim that they have enjoyed any of this? Out of over one thousand matrics, all we can get is two hours of overcrowded intramurals, and forfeits in our inter-collegiate meets. It's either too little or too much. This nonsense has to stop sooner or later-

There probably isn't a student in this college who can honestly claim that he or she has no interest in sports. Most of us have had a good time bowling at one time or another. Despite this fact, the bowling team lacks support. In September we had exactly one student returning from the year before. Spectators and rooters are almost non-existent (aside from the fact that the home lanes are one block from the college). Compare this to the fact that bowling is one of the most popular sports in America

The wrestling team is constantly suffering from a lack of members in a given weight class. Mr. Steuerman had three returning matmen and only seven newcomers-SEVEN! Now consider the fact that every man who takes GH-1 (a course required for all matrics) is taught wrestling as part of the program. At least a half a dozen men in every section claim that they have enjoyed the wrestling. If only two in each section would do something more than talk, and try out for the team, we would have one of the most impressive squads of matmen in the region. Yet we go on forfeiting match after match.

The swimming team is also in deep water. All of us enjoy a dip in a heated pool, or in the ocean. This term there are almost fifteen sections of swimming classes, though only a fraction of these swimmers actually go out for the swimming team. We go through the season with forfeits in many individual events. BCC isn't asking for an olympic team just yet, but too many eligible swimmers are afraid to join the squad for fear of being shown up, or being exhausted in the relatively simple exercises. If you can swim, you have little to lose in a tryout for the team (as well as a great deal of gain if you join). Let's not have a replay of last year's membership drive fiasco!

Mr. Wong and Mr. Steuerman put a great deal of time and effort into teams for you, the students, to enjoy and be proud of. It seems all they get out of recruiting campaigns is an unhealthy overdose of student apathy. Everyone has more time for sports on Thursday afternoon than for team action when they have that same amount of time on some other

The Department of Health Education is now opening up an intramural swim competition in an attempt to gain extracurricular interest at times other than Thursday.

If you, the students, want this college to have inter-collegiate sports, you have yet to show it. When you have the chance, speak to one of the coaches about joining a team or, when you can, see one of the teams in

This year the Retailing and Accounting Clubs held an intra-club basketball game. Many other clubs and groups, I'm sure, can do the same. It needn't be basketball and can be open to women. Coed bowling, swimming, basketball and most intramural meets should draw quite a crowd as well as being great fun.

If you really want to, you can enjoy much more than two hours a week of sports here at BCC. Let's change that need into demand. It's time for some real student participation and interest in sports.

STUDENT APATHY HAS TO END-NOW!

BOYCOTT HELD

March 11, 1965—Student government throughout the City University decided today to stage a school boycott soon after Governor Rockefeller's expected veto of the Abrams' Bill some time in the next few days.

The only way in which free tuition may be mandated for CUNY is through a city wide referendum on election day. A petition containing thirty thousand names is necessary to place the issue before the New York voters. Besides demonstrating their discontent with the Governor's veto, student leaders hope to collect the necessary number of signatures.

Although the Communicator will have been prepared for printing before the boycott, and will not be published until after, official estimates of the situation are: The tremendous turnout of CUNY students during the vigiling at Rockefeller's headquarters will be duplicated and exceeded. Barry Berger, BCC Student Government President, rcently asserted, "the situation is not only a matter of legislative rule. The increased student activity for free tuition will bring the issue to the ctizens and out of the hands of the lawmakers."

Working in close conjunction with other colleges of CUNY BCC students have participated in the rallies with a fervor equal to that of students in the CUNY four year colleges.

Students have no hopes for a quick settlement. One of the participants indicated that: "free tuition is an issue which has been with us for many months. Although we have no doubts that we will win, the culmination of our battle does not lie in the near future."

CLIO AT U.N.

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ample, Princeton University is representing El Salvador, which is hardly a major power in the world."

The opening session of the conference was held at the United Nations Building. The Nigerian Ambassador to the UN, S. O. Adebo, addressed the group. To set the tone of this year's session, Mr. Adebo remarked that, "So long as the peoples of the world are willing to come here to exchange views there is hope for the world. When they give up, there is no hope."

Following the opening session, the junior delegates returned to the Commodore Hotel to ready themselves for the opening meetings. There, the students, who were assigned to rooms for the weekend, began to meet with "common interest" nations to plan strategy for the forthcoming session. As representatives of the Ivory Coast, Clio members met with the schools of the Afro-Asian

As in the original United Nations, resolutions are submitted through committees. Student members of Clio were representatives on five of the six committees. Mr. Poris sat on the Political Committee; Larry Ehrlich was on the Social and Humanitarian Committee; Ronnie Silverman was on the Legal and Economic Committees: and Charles Raspil was on the Special Political Committee. Discussion ranged from admission of Red China, the use of Nuclear Weapons, and the condemnation of South Africa for its apartheid policy. If a resolution passed through the Committees successfully, it was sent to the Plenary Session of all delegates for "role-call" votes.

On Saturday evening the students boarded a chartered railroad train for the trip to Fordham University for the annual NMGA Banquet. Speaking at the dinner was Senator Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska). Senator Gruening spoke against U.S. intervention in Viet

Following the Banquet, the students returned to the Commodore for a night's rest and the final Plenary Session on Sunday.

Women's Volleyball To Begin At BCC

A women's intramural volleyball team, the latest athletic endeavor at BCC, were announced by Mrs. Ruth Altman of the Physical Education Department.

Mrs. Altman's plans call for, "an intramural nucleus of a future intercollegiate team." The team's season will run approximately two months, terminating in mid-April. The climax of the season is expected to be individual and round robin intercollegiate playoffs for a regional

By forming a group at BCC, Mrs. Altman hopes to establish a precedent beginning as an intramural or interclub group, and working up to an intercollegiate team. It should be noted that before an intercollegiate team can be formed, the volleyball team will need competition within the college. Present plans look to possible competition between the regular team and the classes in GH5 and GH6.

Last term a basketball game was held between the Accounting and Retailing Clubs. Obviously, there is room for expansion in the area of interclub sports, with volleyball opening athletic opportunities to women. Various clubs and sororities could form their own teams on this level. Many students who have taken GH5 and GH6 in the past have stated their interest in volleyball, and now all have their chance to enjoy the sport in full scale competition.

The immediate problems of space and leadership have been temporarily solved, but student participation and support are still lacking. Requirements for the team are easily met by most students: an intramural card and a 2.00 index. The club will be meeting on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:00, including the use of the facilities of the gym during scheduled intramural hours on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 2:00.

Clubs wishing to form their own team should contact Mrs. Altman about the use of the facilities at BCC or the Nursing Center. Faculty members who wish to offer their services should contact Mrs. Altman in relation to coaching the club-teams.

The problem stands in the area of student backing. All too often students petition for a club and then fail to support it. The facilities are available, and Mrs. Altman has volunteered to coach. As Mrs. Altman herself stated, "We have a great deal of talk and little real support; everything rests on the number of students."

BCC's wrestlers competed in the Region XV, National Junior College Athletic Association Wrestling Tournament at Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute on February 26 and 27.

Jim Walsh (191) and Barry Malamed (Hwt.) were the only BCC grapplers to survive the first round of competition. Both went on to take fourth place in the tournament. BCC as a team took seventh place in a field of twelve.



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Swim Shorts

In a major expansion of the BCC Intramural Program, the following notices have been issued by the Health Education Department:

Swim Anyone?

General Swim Hours from 1-2 P.M. on Thursday will be open to all students with an "Intramural Card," available from the Nurse.

Swim Intramurals Announced.

Anyone interested in Intramural Swimming? Men and women can file their entry with Mr. Wong or Mrs. Altman in Room BM-8. The deadline is April 1, 1965. Plans call for separate events for GH-3 (beginners) and GH-2 (Senior Life-Savers).

Really Interested in Swimming? A Fifty-Mile Swim Club is being formed by Mrs. Altman. The hours

Tuesday: 11:00 to 11:30 A.M. Thursday: 12:00 to 1:00 P.M. Friday: 11:00 to 11:30 A.M.

Details will appear in the next issue of the Communicator.

Thursday Intramural Hours will continue with Volleyball, Basketball. Swim. etc.

Ballet Featured At Dance Club

The formation of a Dance Club has been announced by Mr. David Raher of the Speech Department and Miss Marianne Josephs. The purpose of the club will be to, "... foster an interest in classical and modern dance. Today's college student knows relatively little about this art form. The Dance Club will attempt to fill this void at Bronx Community College."

The activities of the club will include trips to theatre parties at the New York City Ballet. The trips may include visits backstage to speak to the artists.

The club will also sponsor a series of lecture-demonstrations of all forms of the dance. Guest lecturers at these events may include well-known dancers such as Andre Eglevsky, Alicia Markova, and Maria Tallchief. Dance films and dance classes will be additional features offered to members of the

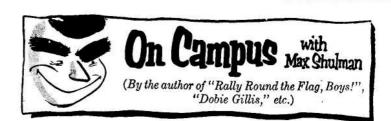
Miss Josephs, an accomplished dancer, plans to present programs of dance which she will choreograph.

At present, there are twelve members in the club, including an evening session science instructor at the school. Regular meetings are held each week from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in the Gym.

For more information on the club, contact either Mr. Raher or Miss Josephs, or consult the STUDENT NEWSLETTER for announcements.

Carnival Coming

Bronx Community College will hold its first annual Carnival on Friday, March 26th. The Carnival will be divided into two parts. The fifth floor will be given over to some of the school's clubs for the evening. The various clubs will set up game booths of the "ring toss" variety. Along with creating the carnival atmosphere, the booths will enable the clubs to make themselves known to the student body. While the fifth floor is being used for the game booths, a dance is to be held in the gymnasium. Music will be provided by the Echoes, who some time ago made the hit recording of "Baby Blue."



THE BEARD OF AVON

Topic for today is that perennial favorite of English majors, that ever-popular crowd pleaser, that good sport and great American—William Shakespeare (or "The Swedish Nightingale" as he is better known as).

First let us examine the persistent theory that Shakespeare (or "The Pearl of the Pacific" as he is jocularly called) is not the real author of his plays. Advocates of this theory insist the plays are so full of classical allusions and learned references that they couldn't possibly have been written by the son of an illiterate

To which I reply "Faugh!" Was not the great Spinoza's father a humble woodcutter? Was not the immortal Isaac Newton's father a simple second baseman? (The elder Newton, incidentally, is one of history's truly pathetic figures. He was, by all accounts, the greatest second baseman of his time, but baseball, alas, had not yet been invented. It used to break young Isaac's heart to see his father get up every morning, put on uniform, spikes, glove, and cap, and stand alertly behind second base, bent forward, eyes narrowed, waiting, waiting, waiting. That's all—waiting. Isaac loyally sat in the bleachers and yelled "Good show, Dad!" and stuff like that, but everyone else in town sniggered derisively, made coarse gestures, and pelted the Newtons with overripe fruit-figs for the elder Newton, apples for the younger. Thus, as we all know, the famous moment came when Isaac Newton, struck in the head with an apple, leapt to his feet, shouted "Europa!" and announced the third law of motion: "For every action there is an opposite and equal reaction!"



Figs for the elder Newton, apples for the younger.

(How profoundly true these simple words are! Take, for example, Personna Stainless Steel Razor Blades. Shave with a Personna. That's the action. Now what is the reaction? Pleasure, delight, contentment, cheer, and facial felicity. Why such a happy reaction? Because you have started with the sharpest, most durable blade ever honed—a blade that gives you more shaves, closer shaves, comfortabler shaves than any other brand on the market. If, by chance, you don't agree, simply return your unused Personnas to the manufacturer and he will send you absolutely free a package of Beep-Beep or any other blade you think is better.)

But I digress. Back to Shakespeare (or "The Gem of the Ocean" as he was ribaldly appelated).

Shakespeare's most important play is, of course, Hamlet (or, as it is frequently called, Macbeth). This play tells in living color the story of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, who one night sees a ghost upon the battlements. (Possibly it is a goat he sees; I have a first folio that is frankly not too legible.) Anyhow, Hamlet is so upset by seeing this ghost (or goat) that he stabs Polonius and Brer Bodkin. He is thereupon banished to a leather factory by the king, who hollers, "Get thee to a tannery!" Thereupon Ophelia refuses her food until Laertes shouts, "Get thee to a beanery!" Ophelia is so cross that she chases her little dog out of the room, crying, "Out, damned Spot!" She is fined fifty shillings for cussing, but Portia, in an eloquent plea, gets the sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Thereupon King Lear and Queen Mab proclaim a festival-complete with kissing games and a pic-eating contest. Everybody has a perfectly splendid time until Banquo's ghost (or goat) shows up. This so unhinges Richard III that he drowns his cousin, Butt Malmsey. This leads to a lively discussion, during which everyone is killed. The little dog Spot returns to utter the immortal curtain lines:

> Our hero now has croaked. And so's our prima donna. But be of cheer, my friends. You'll always have Personna.

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Yea and verily. And when next thou buyest Personna, buyest also some new Burma Shave? regular or menthol, which soakoth rings around any other lather. Get thee to a pharmacu

Keller Wins \$50 Award

Elizabeth Keller, a BCC graduate, recently won the first prize of \$50 in an essay contest sponsored by Bronx Community College in conjunction with the Bronx Borough Association.

The Award Committee, comprised of Prof. Ehrenpreis as chairman and including Dr. Hirsch and Mr. Galub, decided that Miss Keller's essay, "The Origin and Enactment of the First Amendment," was worthy of the first prize. The quality of the essay warrented its publication both in Gleanings and the Bronx Bar publication, Advocate.

The award was presented by Mr. Benjamin A. Perry and Mr. Cohen as representatives of the Bronx Borough Bar Association. Prof. Ehrenpreis commented that the essay contest gives BCC students, "an opportunity to display what they have learned, and their ability."